

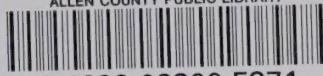
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PIONEER PICKINGS

From THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, February 4, 1880, Salem, Indiana

Number CCII. Persons over sixty years of age

District number one, Monroe Township. We have there Phoebe Winslow, born Oct. 4, 1792 in Perquimmons County, North Carolina, near Elizabethtown. From there she moved to Randolph County in the same state, and thence to this county, bringing two children with her. She is the mother of eleven children and is yet hale and hearty, although in her 88th year.

Mary Gordon was born in East Tennessee, about 16 miles from Knoxville, January 1801, and is now 79 years of age. From Tenn. she came to Washington County in 1812, and raised 11 children, all of whom grew up and married except one, who was found dead in bed.

Frances Calloway was born June 8, 1799 in Kentucky, near Dix River, then moved to Madison Co., Ky., then to Indiana in 1809. We think she is the widow of Edmund Calloway.

Thomas Williams was born Aug. 15, 1805 in Randolph Co., N.C. and came to Indiana in the fall of 1812. His father first settled at New Albany and was the first settler at that place. When they were building their cabin they crossed the Ohio River from Kentucky shore every morning and worked all day, returning at night. Fear of Indians caused this.

Phoebe Williams, wife of Thomas Williams, was born in Rowan County, N.C., and came to Indiana in 1813 with her father, Cadwallader Jones who we have heard tell that he had nothing but a gun, a bundle, and a little pony for his wife and child to ride on. That child was Mrs. Williams, who was born Sept. 11, 1812. They came with Josiah Spurgeon and family and the bundle of Jones' was hauled in Spurgeon's wagon. His wife carried the child and rode the pony part of the time, and walked part of the time. We heard Jones tell that his mother gave him the pony and fifteen dollars was a big price for it. The gun-stock was tied together with buckskin and was an old flint lock. Thomas Williams was married to Phoebe Jones, Dec. 17, 1829. They have had 13 children, and 11 grew to life's estate.

John Shields was born Jan. 8, 1811 in Stokes Co., N.C. and came to Indiana in 1828. Deborah Shields, his wife, was born Oct. 16, 1818. They were married in 1831. She is the mother of 16 children, all living except three.

Aug. 11
Morris T. Denny was born in Mercer Co., Ky., ~~April 12~~, 1811 and came to Indiana, April 12, 1812 to the John Fleenor Fort, erected for protection against the Indians. Sarah Denny his wife was born Dec. 5, 1816 in Washington County, Ind. They were married Feb. 19, 1847.

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Jacob Dobbins was born Feb. 22, 1816 in North Carolina and came to this county in 1824. Mary Dobbins his wife was born June 5, 1818. They were married March 5, 1840 and raised 8 children.

John D. Early is from Augusta Co., Virginia and was born Aug. 18, 1814. He came to this county in 1816.

Josiah Winslow is a native of this county, and is a remarkable man in one particular at least. He was born Jan. 16, 1819 and is just passed into his 62nd year, and yet he is the father of 21 children. We surrender the spoons to him.

Lucinda Hitchcock is a native of this county, born Sept. 16, 1819.

James Trueblood was born in Pasquotank Co., N.C. on the 27th day of February, 1794. Elizabeth his wife was born on the 15th day of February, 1798 in the same county, near Elizabeth City. They were married Oct. 13, 1814 in N.C. In about 8 weeks after their marriage, they, in company of six other families, emigrated to the then Territory of Indiana, arriving here in this county in the month of July, 1815. They went into the Quaker Church, two miles northeast of Salem. In a few days James Trueblood bought a piece of land, and with the help of his neighbors soon had him a hewed log house ready for occupancy. James and Elizabeth were the possessors of 10 children, all of whom grew to maturity. John H. Trueblood now lives in Canton. Milton Trueblood lives with his father and mother. Mary E. married Davies Johnson and resides in Terre Haute, Ind. Mary A. married Francis Overman who is dead, and she lives in Kansas. Warner M. Trueblood died near Hitchcock's Station. E. Hicks Trueblood lives on a farm 5 miles northwest of Salem. Catherine married Hutchinson Sturgeon of Jackson County and resides there. Eliza E. Trueblood is deceased. Rebecca M. married Hiram M. Thompson and live in this township. These old people have 30 grand children living, the oldest of whom is Frank Trueblood of Salem. They also have 12 great grandchildren living. They are the only survivors of all the families who came from N.C. with them, except seven who were children. All the adults are dead.....

PIONEER PICKINGS, No. CCIV, THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, March 3, 1880

At the time of taking the lists of old persons over sixty, James H. Payne was alive. He was born in 1815. He died a few days since. He resided in Franklin Township.

In District No. 21, Jefferson Township, we have James McKnight born Jan. 27, 1819. He is a native of this county. We also have Jacob P. Monical born June 14, 1818, also native of this county.

James Vancleave is an old citizen of Vernon, and was born Feb. 10, 1810, being now 70 years of age. He is from Shelby Co., Ky. and came to this State in 1814.

Judge Samuel Wible of Madison Township was born in Nelson Co. Ky. June 14, 1792... He came to this State, or rather Territory in 1814.

John Spears of Monroe Township is another old Jackson Democrat, and was born in Warren Co., Ky., Jan. 4, 1802.

James Bilyew was born in Kentucky in 1804, and came to this State in 1823.... He married Eunice Ellickson in 1824. She was born in Kentucky in 1811. They have lived in Brown Township 55 years. They have raised eleven children.

Charles D. Green of Pierce Township was born May 7, 1800 and came to this county July 8, 1823. He is from Stokes Co., N.C. .

John Gilstrap of Howard Township was born June 2, 1807 in Wayne Co., Ky. He came with his parents to Clark Co., Ind. in 1808 and on March 15, 1809 settled one mile and a half above Beck's Mill on Blue River. He resided here until 1827 when he removed to his present location. He joined the Church of Christ in October 1829 and married in November of the same year. He has been married a second time. He has been Justice of Peace & Commissioner.

Scynthia Byerly, born in Ky., age 63, came to Indiana in 1828

Willis Phillips, born in Ky., age 72; came to Indiana in 1813.

Julia A. Phillips, aged 71, born in Indiana.

Aaron Martin, aged 72, born in Ky; came to this State in 1814.

Samuel Blackman, aged 65, born in New York; came to this State in 1818.

Polly Johnson, born in Virginia in 1796, age 84; came to this State in 1832.

In Posey Township we have Benjamin Radcliff, aged 63, and came to this State in 1826. Richard Radcliff, aged 64, and came to this State in 1823. These last two are from Ky., we believe.

Hartwell Pate, out northwest of Salem, aged 61; came to Ind. in 1870.

John Wesley Bettorff, age 62; native of this State.

Frederick Batt, aged 60, a native of England, and came to Indiana in 1848.

James Witter, aged 61, native of Pennsylvania, came to this State in 1865.

Anderson Brown, born in Ky., aged 62; came to Indiana 1833.

Faris Dalton, born in Ky., came to Indiana in 1825.

Barnabas C. Stanley, aged 70, born in N.C.; came to this State in 1814.

Martha Stanley, 68, born 1812, native of Indiana.

Samuel S. Denny, aged 66, born and lived in the same house all his life, and sleeps in the same room he was born in. He is a native Hoosier. Lucinda Denny, aged 73; nativity unknown.

Dorcas Pitts, aged 83, born in N.C.; came to this State 1814.

Elizabeth Price, aged 83, native of N.C.; came to this State 1815. The last two mentioned old ladies draw a pension from the government for the service of their husband's in the War of 1812-15. So does Ruth Parr, aged 83, a native of N.C. and came to Indiana in 1813.

Sanford Botts, a native of this county, aged 63.

Levi J. Thompson, sometimes called Sir Thompson, aged 70, a native of North Carolina and came to this State in 1813.

Mary Davis, aged 78, a South Carolinian by birth, and came to Jackson County in 1808, and thence to this county.

Thomas Morris (Friend Society) aged 68, a native of the old North State, and came to Indiana in 1815.

Hannah Morris, aged 61, a native of Indiana.

Henry Gibbons, a native of Maryland, aged 62; came to Ind. 1857.

Ann Gibbons, aged 65, a native of Ohio; came to Ind. in 1857.

Benjamin Jones, aged 62, native of this county.

Elizabeth Jones, aged 64, native of this county.

Robert Tatlock, a native Hoosier, now aged 64.

Henry Paynter, a native of Virginia, aged 63.

Dawson Lyon, a native of Indiana, aged 63.

Jesse Hungate, a native of Kentucky, aged 63.

John H. Callaway, aged 73; native of Kentucky.

Joseph Denny, aged 72, and a native of Kentucky.

Townsend Cutshaw, aged 76; native of Pennsylvania.

John W. Reymann, a native of Virginia, and a resident of this State since 1811, who is 77 years old.

Colonel John A. Bowman, a native of Tennessee, born sometime between 1800 and 1820.....

H.H. (Horace Heffren)

BIOGRAPHICAL

Luke Barrett was born in Botetourt County, Virginia, March 20, 1795, and died near Hitchcock's Station, Washington County, Ind., Feb 16, 1880, aged 84 years, 10 months and 16 days. In 1810 he was converted to God and joined the M.E. Church. Five years after his conversion he was happily married to Mary Smith, with whom he lived in connubial felicity nearly 51 years, and who preceded him to the rest of heaven about 15 years. In 1817 he moved from Virginia to Illinois, and on the 10th day of June 1823, settled in this neighborhood, where in the fall of the same year, he and 24 other persons organized a Methodist Church at his own house, and where for 15 years they worshipped God..... After the service his remains were borne to the graveyard and deposited beside the resting place of his beloved wife..... May his children, relatives and friends in the church and out of it, copy his character and life.....

PIONEER PICKINGS, No. CCV, THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, March. 17, 1880, Salem, Indiana.

John W. Rife of Brown Township was born Jan. 8, 1814, and is consequently 62 years of age.

W. C. Wood of the same township is a farmer and came to this township in 1875. He was born and raised in Kentucky, but his parents were Virginians. He was born August, 1819.

Elijah M. Davis of Brown Township was born in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1813 and came to Indiana in 1850, and has resided in Brown Township more than 20 years. He was married to Hester Isabella Wright in 1838. Mr. Davis' grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution.

Sanford Botts of Washington Township is a son of Charles Botts, deceased, and was born in Montgomery Co., Ky., Feb. 4, 1817 and came to Indiana in October, 1824, and has been a citizen of this county ever since.

Elizabeth Prince is quite an old lady. She was born in Botetourt Co., Va., April 5, 1797, and is therefore about 83 years of age. She moved to Kentucky in 1804 and lived there until June 9, 1815 and has lived here ever since. She married David Prince Feb. 20, 1817. She is the mother of twelve children, eleven raised to maturity, to wit: Thomas, Mary Ann, John, Eliza Jane, Jacob B., Caroline, Hannah, Samuel, Hiram, Mariah, William and James. Her husband was in the War of 1812-15, and Mrs. Prince draws a pension from the United States.

James H. Payne was born in Clark County, Indiana, near Utica, July 20, 1815. His father resided there for about three years, then came to this county and purchased land near Harriestown. His father was Jeremiah Payne, and James H. lived with him until he was in his 24th year. He then purchased a farm and married Sophia J. Blades of Scott Co., Ind., who was born in Baltimore, Md., in the year 1813. They were married Oct. 20, 1839. He was a resident of Franklin Township all the balance of his life. He was not an office seeker, but was elect-

ed clerk and trustee one term each of his township. He died Jan. 21, 1880 of consumption

John F. Harned of Canton, this county, is another old citizen. He was born in Loudon County, Va., on the 21st day of October, 1796. In 1805 his father moved to near the village of Hillsborough, called the gap in the short-hill, where they remained until the spring of 1809. Then they moved near the Blue Ridge, where they remained until the first day of September, 1813. They then left for the far west, crossing the Blue Ridge. They arrived at a place called Redstone, near now Brownsville, Harned's father, in company with a man named George Smithers, got a flatboat built and in this they floated down the river to Marietta, then called Limestone, where Smithers left them for Green River, Ky. Harned and family proceeded on down to Cincinnati, Ohio, the hitherto place of their destination. The elder Harned concluded that this place was too old a settlement for him and they halted only long enough to lay in a supply of provisions and then floated on to Louisville, Ky., to the mouth of the then classic Bear Grass, where they arrived between Christmas and New Years, 1813. They found relatives in Kentucky where they remained while Harned senior came over into Indiana Territory hunting land and finally entered a quarter section about two and a half miles west of the now village of Vallie in Orange County. After this they came to Indiana, where it was in its native wildness.....

Harned senior rented a sort of cabin of one John Kollowell, and there he and his family began pioneer life in earnest.....

In the latter part of the summer of 1819, John F. Harned came to Blue River or Friend's School house and began teaching on the old style and succeeded first rate. In the spring following he married and has lived in this township ever since, being over sixty years. He has been the father of two children, two of whom died at the ages of six and eight years respectively. He and his wife, still living, have had 42 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren, making of children and their descendants sixty-four. John F. Harned's father was named William Harned; his grandfather was named Josiah, and his father was Nathaniel, but of what nationality we do not know. We hope he will give us the history of his friend Thomas Green, who was born the 22nd day of December, 1796, and William Baker, born the 11th day of June, 1790. H.H.

PIONEER PICKINGS, No. CCVI, THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, March 31, 1880

Sketch of JAMES & ELIZABETH TRUEBLOOD - abbreviated

The old people who knew James Trueblood used to tell that James was a very small piece of humanity when he was an infant..... Elizabeth's father became his guardian, and thus the two children were raised mostly together, and as soon as they grew up, became engaged to marry and the wedding was consummated when Elizabeth was in her 17th year and James in his 21st year. James received as good an education as the schools in that country could give

him and in early life became a teacher of others.Elizabeth had only spent three months of her life at school, but made a thorough business woman since she came to the Northwestern Territory. James' father left him some property in slaves, then with the help of his guardian, Joshua Trueblood, and his mother, he made them free and paid their way to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In order to get away from what they believed to be the evils of slavery, the families of James Trueblood, Nathan Trueblood, Mathew Coffin, Jehosaphat Morris and James Trueblood, Jr. came to Washington County, Indiana Territory. A negro came along with them, who had been the property of Nathan Trueblood. This negro was named John Cowan, and he drove one of the eight wagons that came along as this little band turned their backs upon Elizabeth City and turned their faces toward Indiana Territory..... They both belonged to Quakers or Friends.....

James Trueblood purchased a piece of land of William Lindley, a brother of Samuel Lindley, and an uncle of William Lindley of later years. That land was where a horse mill was erected near the Friends or Quaker meeting house, and it was here that James Trueblood got his milling done. The deed to the farm was written by David Fouts, Justice of Peace, on the 10th day of August, 1815, and was recorded by Basil Prather, clerk and recorder. The county at this time had no court house, and has not improved very particularly in that respect at present. The persons assisting James Trueblood in erecting his cabin were Elisha Denny, Samuel Denny, father of Joel Denny, Levi Thompson, father of James L. Thompson, Lewis Moody, Joshua Trueblood, Nathan Trueblood, father of Joseph, Matthew Hobbs, Jehosaphat Morris, father of Nathan, and others....

Joshua and Miles Tatlock sawed the weather-boarding, joists and sheetings for the Trueblood house with a whip saw. Nicholas Hibbard and Joseph Young were witnesses to the deed of the land. When James came to this county his recollection is that John Owens and his brother had the only store in Salem, and the next was Gen. John DePaul and Lieut. Gov. Christopher Harrison. Then came Jonathan Lyon, the father of Dawson Lyon. The first newspaper was the Tocsin, published by Patrick and Booth, and established about the time Newton Booth, the present Senator from California was born. James Trueblood and Kate Booth were warm friends, and both are still alive. He says that after he came to Indiana he used nothing that came through slave labor, using no sugar but home-made and his wearing apparel was generally home made.

About the year 1840, a stranger on horseback with a pair of saddlebags slung behind him, was traveling along on one of the roads leading to Salem, he met a young man and inquired if James Trueblood lived in the neighborhood. As there were three of them the young man asked which one he meant. The peddler replied it was "Gentlemen James" from North Carolina. ... That peddler was Peter Ryan, an old and respected citizen of this county at the time of his death a few years ago, who amassed considerable wealth.

H.H.

Sketch of James and Elizabeth Trueblood, concluded

James Trueblood had ~~one~~ brothers and two sisters. His brother was named Nathan and he died in his 19th year. His sister Mary married a man named Overman, and died at the age of ninety. Rebecca, the other sister, married a man named Morris, and is now living, aged ninety-three years. Hon. Thomas J. Henley, formerly a member of Congress from this district, was a cousin of the mother of Mrs. Trueblood.....

While James was a non-voting man on account of slavery, men of both parties tried to obtain his vote on their side. One Sunday John I. Morrison and Catherine his wife went to visit the family. Mrs. Morrison told her husband that he must not talk politics. Morrison was at the time a candidate for some office, yet he could not induce Trueblood to vote at all at that election for anyone. Trueblood says that Asher Cook trod the mud to make the brick to build the first Court House in Salem. Our readers may not know that in early days the mortar for brick was tramped by men and oxen. Cook was a North Carolinian, and has been dead many years. That Court House was built up on pillars with an opening underneath for hitching horses

Robert Loudon was one of the first teachers in the Friends School; then came Levi and Lewis Woody (printed Moody here), Alexander and Simeon Clayton, John and James Trueblood and others.

Catherine, a daughter, married Hatcheson Sturgeon, a son of David Sturgeon, of whom we gave a pretty good history some time ago. Mary E. married Davis Johnson, near Terre Haute, Ind., a prominent citizen there. John H. is the oldest of the children and aged 64, and now resides in Canton. Milton resides in the township. Martha married Francis Overman, and he is long since dead, and Martha now resides in Kansas. Hicks resides in this township. Warner H. died some years ago at Hitchcock's Station, in this county. Rebecca married Hiram Thompson and resides in this county. Susannah, the youngest daughter, resides at home taking care of her aged parents.

..... Elizabeth's father was a merchant of Elizabeth City, N. Carolina and sent out vessels to trade with the West India Islands. Joshua wrote some letters to his future wife when he was on one of these far off islands.

H.H.

That venerable old man, George Trabue, has sent in some of his early recollections, which we cheerfully publish.

In writing of an old Revolutionary soldier of the State of Va., he says that Peter Francisco was said to be the strongest man in the army, also in his day and age. Once he was taken prisoner by the British and Tories, and some of their officers began to make fun of him.... when he told them he

could outlift any two of them that the British could produce in their army. They promised him that if he could, he should be released and restored to his freedom. He accordingly shouldered a large cannon and carrying it some distance, threw it upon the ground. The British failed to find two men who could lift more than one end of it, and thereupon he was permitted to leave for home.

In 1805, as George Trabue's father was moving from Virginia to Kentucky, they met Francisco on horseback..... He was considered a giant by his comrades. Christopher Trinkle, an old former neighbor of Trabue's who was also a soldier of the Revolution, and who was well acquainted with Francisco, related many of these things to Trabue as coming under his immediate observation.

We have received a list of all persons over 60 years of age, the places of their nativity and the year they came to the State. The list is furnished by T.T.Morris of District No.9, Gibson Tp.

Nathan Morris, sixty years, native of this county.

Mary Morris, aged sixty-two, and a native.

Henry Gregory, born in Pasquotank Co., North Carolina, in 1819, and came to Indiana in 1863.

Virginia H. Gregory, born in Virginia in 1816, came to Ind. in 1863.

Joseph Trueblood, born in 1812 in Floyd County, Indiana.

Mary Trueblood, born in Stokes Co., North Carolina, 1813, came to Indiana in 1826.

William F. Trueblood, a native of Washington Co., Ind., 1817.

Nancy A. Hayworth, born in 1814, in Pasquotank Co., N.C., and came to this State in 1822.

John Ridlen, born in 1806 in Clermont Co., Ohio, and came to this State in 1846.

Mary A. Ridlen, born in Clermont Co., Ohio, 1815; came to this county in 1820.

John Gordon, born in 1807, in Chester District, South Carolina, and came to Indiana in 1818.

Margaret Gordon, born in Chester District, South Carolina in 1813 and came to Indiana in 1816.

Abigail Boggs, b. 1817 in Washington County.

Britchard Morris, b. in Pasquotank Co., N.C. 1813; to Indiana 1815.
Sarah Morris, b. in Washington County, 1817.

Aaron Morris was born in Pasquotank Co., N.C. in 1809 and came to Washington County, Ind. in 1818.

Ruth Tatlock was born in this county in 1817.

Allen Thompson, born in this county in 1815, is one of the oldest native born citizens of the county.

Frederick D.B. Leatherman, born in Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1812, came to Washington County in 1835.

Thomas Tatlock, born in 1805 in Perquimans Co., N.C.; came to this county in 1814.

Lucy Tatlock, born in Kentucky in 1809, came here in 1811 and is now aged 69 years.....

H.H.

CONTRIBUTION BOX - The Salem Democrat, April 14, 1880, Salem, Ind.

Texas Letter College Mound, Kaufman Co., Texas, March 13, 1880

Editor Democrat, - Thinking that a few lines from one who was born and raised in your county and State may be acceptable, I drop these giving a short account of myself since I left your county in the spring of 1842, in company with Capt. J.J. Beck, for the West. We arrived in Johnson Co., Missouri about the 1st of June 1842; remained there until the fall of 1844 when I set out for Texas, then a Republic. I settled in Mercer's Colony in Nacogdoches County, some 200 miles from the county seat. In the fall of 1845, it was annexed to the United States. The same year the county was divided and I fell into Henderson County.... In 1848 the county was divided and I fell into Kaufman County.

Some five families, viz: Capt. John Beck, Wilson Fogleman, Henry Batts, Jesse Zink and myself settled on Cedar Creek some 20 miles from what is called the Three Forks of Trinity.....

A.H. Henry.

PIONEER PICKINGS, The Salem Democrat, April 21, 1880, Salem, Indiana
No. CCIX

We have a report from a part of Polk Township of some of the old people and now give them :

James S. Russell was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, January 9, 1816 and came to Indiana April 2, 1818; now 64 years old.

Selinda Russell was born in Madison Co., New York, January 8, 1811; came to Indiana in 1818.

Letilley Stewart was born in Rowan Co., N.C., March 9, 1801, and is aged 79. She came to Clark Co., Ind. Dec. 24, 1814 and to this county in 1814.

Jacob Smith was born in Washington Co., Ohio, Feb. 9, 1807 and moved to Indiana in April 1855.

Lucinda Laughhorn was born in Floyd County, Indiana, May 22, 1812 and is now 88 years old. She moved to this county May 7, 1832.

Wilson Watts was born in Washington County, Ind., June 18, 1817. and has resided here all his life.

Thomas Lockenour was born in Wash. Co., Ind. April 5, 1817, and a life-long resident.

Richard Newlan was born in Virginia in 1807 and came to this State in 1818, and resided in this county ever since.

Daniel Morgan was born in North Carolina Dec. 5, 1816 and came to this county in the fall of 1817.

Mary Morgan was born in Floyd Co., North Carolina, Oct. 10, 1817 and came to Indiana in 1822.

Francis Hedrick was born in Davis County, North Carolina, April 5, 1816 and came to Indiana in 1837. This was furnished by W.M. Brim.

In District No. 6, in Franklin Township, Will J. McCoy, teacher, furnishes the following names of persons over 60 years of age, residing in this district :

William Leming was born in Clermont County, Ohio, January 2, 1808. He moved to this county and settled in Monroe Township in 1853 and moved to Franklin Township in 1857. This old man has a powder horn that was carried through the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Jane Leming was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, the 14th of March, 1808. She remembers that where Cincinnati, Ohio, now stands there were only two cabins. She has a pair of silver rimmed spectacles which has been in the family 200 years. They were made in Ireland.

Daniel Dawalt is a native of this county, born July 8, 1812, and is consequently in his 68th year. So far as we know he is the oldest native born citizen of the county.

Sarah Dawalt, wife of Daniel Dawalt, was born Aug. 14, 1816, in Washington County, Indiana.

Jane McKnight, the widow of Robson McKnight, was born April 10, 1814, in this county. Her father was from North Carolina and came to this county in 1812, near where the McKnight Fort was built.

Margaret J. McKnight was born in Wash. Co., Ind. May 22, 1816.

William Russell is an old citizen of Brown Township and was born April 20, 1815, near Bowling Green, Ky. His parents were from

Virginia and emigrated to Kentucky in 1795. His father was named George Russell and his mother Letitia Lindsay. George Russell and family moved to Indiana in the spring of 1816 and settled in Orange County, and thence to Washington County in 1825, about 7 miles west of Salem and thence to Brown Township in 1828, where William has resided ever since. He married on the 4th day of June 1837, Roxanna Davis who is now 60 years of age. She was born in Charlestown, Clark Co., Ind. They have three children living. Both of William Russell's grandfathers were in the Revolutionary War, and his father was in the War of 1812.

It was but a short time since James W. Prow departed this life.

Something over two years ago we gave a short sketch of his father's family, and shall not re-produce it. James W. Prow was born Jan. 1, 1812 in Rowan County, North Carolina. More people seem to have come to Washington County from Rowan County than from any other county in N. Carolina. In 1813 the family came to Indiana and settled 2 miles south of where Greenville now stands. In 1814 they came to what is now Jefferson Township, in this co. and settled about eight miles northwest of Salem at a point known as Prowsville. His father erected a cabin, and as the custom at one time in the country, erected a stillhouse, which James W. assisted in tending. In 1833, James W. moved over near Bono in Lawrence County, where in 1836 on the 8th day of December he united in marriage with Elizabeth L. Stephens. There were several children by this marriage. Marquis D. L. Prow, born Dec. 19, 1837 and died Mch 5, 1872. He was District Attorney and was appointed Messenger by Governor Willard to gather up the returns of a certain election held for some purpose which we now do not remember. Frederick L. Prow was born Oct. 22, 1839. He was in the 50th Indiana Regiment in the late rebellion, and we have personal knowledge of his being a good soldier. He has been twice elected Prosecutor of this circuit. Martha R. Prow was born Jan. 1, 1849; Mary L., Nov. 21, 1853, and William J. Nov. 11, 1856; all reside in Salem.

James W. Prow died March 4, 1880, aged 68 years, 2 months and 4 days. In Lawrence County he held the office of Justice of Peace several years and was County Commissioner for two terms. His funeral was conducted by his brethren of the Masonic fraternity. H. K.

PIONEER PICKINGS No. COX, The Salem Democrat, July 21, 1880, Salem, Ind.

In Jefferson Township we have Martha Williams, widow of John P. Williams, now 80 years old, born in Guilford Co., N. Carolina. She is an early settler of the county.

Polly A. Williams, widow of Robert Williams, aged 70, was born in Virginia, but we are ignorant as to when she came to this county.

Robert McNeely, born in Virginia, aged seventy-two.

William Craycraft, born in Kentucky, aged 70 years.

Isaac Baker, born in Burke County, North Carolina, aged 70 .

Feris Dalton, born in Kentucky, aged 70 years.

Robert J. Logan was born in Barren County, Ky., Sept. 7, 1802, and came to Indiana in April 15, 1811. His father settled in Monroe Township at what is known as Logan's Cross Roads. He was here when the Red Men were plenty, and game on all sides. Robert has been unfortunate; one of his knees has been stiff for years. His brother died very wealthy, but poor old Bob is an inmate of the Washington County poor house.

Ransom Dudley of Polk Township was born in old Rowan County, N.C., and is aged 73 years. He came to Indiana in 1814.

John Phillips was born in Wash. Co., Ind. in 1814, and is aged 66 years. He resides in Polk Township.

George Ritter, born in Jessamine County, Ky., came to Indiana in 1859 and is aged sixty-five.

Nancy Ritter was born in Shelby County, Ky. in 1816 and came to Indiana in 1859. She is aged sixty-four. These last two are also residents of Polk Township.

John A. Bowman, born in Tennessee in 1818, came to Indiana in 1822; aged sixty-two. He has been Representative and Senator a period of twelve years. He lives in Polk Township.

Lydia Dudley was born in Washington County, March, 1819, and is the wife of Ransom P. Dudley.

Lucretia F. Hurst, formerly Hackley, was born in Hardin County, Ky., March 8, 1811 and came to Indiana, July 1, 1825.

John L. Hurst was born in Jefferson County, Ky., Oct. 26, 1806 and came to Indiana Territory in March, 1808. They also reside in Polk Township.

Harriet Phillips was born in Clark County, Ind. in 1812, and is aged sixty-eight. She is the wife of John Phillips of Polk Tp.

Rev. Seth Andrews was born July 7, 1818 in Morgan County, Ohio. Elvira Thorley, his wife, was born July 1, 1818 and they were married January 2, 1839 and moved to Indiana, March 1866. They now live on a farm on Mill Creek, four miles west of Salem. The old gentleman informed us that he thought quite probable that the Andrews family had descended from the Apostle Andrew. He has a large printed lineage running back to John Andrews, who left England and settled in Connecticut in 1640. One of the family had nine sons, and the height of the father and sons combined was 60 feet and 8 inches. Seth Andrews grew so tall when a young man that he bent over and never straightened up.

Edward Supplee was born in Chester County, near Philadelphia, Penn., March 17, 1803. He was apprenticed to the plasterers

trade and served seven years at it. He married Rebecca Griffiths in 1824. He moved to Beaver County, Penn. in 1828 and lived there seven years and moved to Pittsburg, where they lived nine years. They finally moved to New Albany, Ind. in 1854 and to Washington County in 1857. He worked at his trade in Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Louisville and other cities, doing ornamental work and finished some of the best houses in Louisville and ~~Louisville~~. He died Dec. 24, 1878. Rebecca G., his wife, was born in Chester County, Pa., near Warwick Furnace, March 25, 1802, but was mostly raised in Montgomery County, same state. She is of Welsh descent, and yet enjoys a good old age. The children are Elizabeth, born Jan. 21, 1826 in Chester Co., Penn. She married James Losier and is now living in Greenup County, Ky. Lemuel J. was born April 12, 1828 in the same county and State. He went South just before the War commenced and never heard from after the commencement of hostilities. When last heard from he was at Jackson, Miss. Hannah H., born June 12, 1830. When her parents moved West she remained with her grandparents while they lived. Her grandfather died in 1859, aged 92, and her grandmother in 1865, aged 93. These were the parents of Edward Supplee. Hannah came to this county in 1866. Charles Supplee was born Sept. 17, 1832 and died April 8, 1833. William B. Supplee was born Jan. 31, 1834. He married Virginia A. Logan, daughter of Col. Garrett W. Logan, and he now resides in Plattsburg, Monroe Township. Hughes Supplee, born Aug. 17, 1836; died Feb. 13, 1837. Sarah Supplee was born June 30, 1838 in Beaver Co., Penn., and married Lewis E. Bressie and is now living in Ford Co., Ill. Mary Supplee was born April 21, 1841 in Beaver Co., Penn. and died March 4, 1842. John J. Supplee was born Feb. 3, 1843. He was killed at Chicamauga, Sept. 19, 1863. He was in Co., D, 38th Ind. This was Capt. James B. Glover's old Company. George W. Supplee was born Sept. 5, 1845 in Beaver Co., Penn. He was in the 17th Indiana Regt., was wounded at the battle of Selma, Alabama. He resides in this township.

A few days ago we found our venerable old friend, Judge Outshaw in a talkative mood, and we extracted some information as to the date of the erection of the buildings on the Public Square and now we give them :

Col. Jonathan Lyon erected the building on the north side of the square, now occupied by John B. Clark and Abel Stanley in 1818. The front part of Berkey's Store about the same year. Where Shamo has his shoe shop and C.W. Mobley his store was erected by John Gordon in 1834. The Lyon Block in 1874. James Godfrey's store in 1860. McMahan's store in 1840. The Telle House was built by Dr. Burr Bradley in 1828. The old Malott residence and where Beal and Kremer keep their confectionary and groceries was erected in 1825. Where the ruins are, or what is known as the Malott Corner, used to be a large brick store kept by Malott & McPheeters and also by Malott & Malott. That was erected by William Rodman about 1819. The McGinley House kept by D.S. Hoffman was built in 1827. The property known as the Dr. Wilson property in the south west corner of the public square, was erected in 1858 and is now owned by John P. Bently. The old rat trap and tumble down concern on South Main Street was once a splendid hotel, and is now known as the old "Blue Wing", and was built in 1823. The brick building where Henry Streaker's shop and W.B. Peter's saloon now are were built in 1859. The

Duckwall corner in 1850. The one where the post Office is kept in 1859. Where Miss E. Mobley keeps her milinary store, 1828. The north end of the Hungate House in 1820; the south end in 1830. D.M. McMahan's front residence in 1824. The corner known as Odd Fellows Blotk where Smith & Bros. have their store and tin shop, and McClintock & Craycraft their drugstore, was built by Micah Newby in 1830. The Sanitarium, known as the Curry property, was erected in 1830. The Court House was completed in 1828. The building that stood on the corner where Alvis & Son now sell groceries and "cheese and crackers", was built in 1822. Where James H. Neal & Son now have their harness shop, and Sam B. Hobbs his store and tin shop, in 1830.

H.H.

OBITUARY - from Livonia Items-Nov. 24, 1880

Mr. Abraham Wells died Monday evening last, the 15th inst., and was buried in Livonia Cemetery on Wednesday the 17th. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church and conducted by Rev. J. K. Howard, pastor.... Deceased was born in Ky., April 1, 1800, aged 80 years, 7 months and 14 days. Was married to Lucy Trew about 55 years ago. They were the parents of 10 children, 8 of whom survive. His first wife died 18 years ago, and he was married to a second wife, Rebecca E. Brown, 13 years ago.....

PIONEER PICKINGS

Number CLXXXI, THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, Salem, Ind., March 26, 1879

We do not know that we can better follow up our Mexican soldiers than by here inserting their names, as we believe we have them all now. Then we will add a piece of poetry from the American Pioneer by John G. Dunn, assistant surgeon of the U.S. Army, and published in the Washington Republican at Salem, Ind., June 25, 1847. The names of the officers and soldiers are as follows : Abraham Dennis, Captain ; David C. Shanks, first Lieut.; Josiah Burwell, second Lieut.; Thomas C. Parr, second additional Lieut.; Robert R. McKinney, first or Orderly Sergeant; B. F. Nicholson, second Sergeant; Andrew H. Ratts, third Sergeant; Moses M. Johnson, fourth Sergeant; Christian L. Paynter, first Corporal ; James McKinney, second Corporal; DeWitt C. Thomas, third Corporal; David Parr, fourth Corporal; Lemuel Weeks, Drummer; Alexander Woods, Fifer.

PRIVATES: - Horace N. Attkisson, George Bogle, James Bogle, Joseph Boling, Samuel Boling, Fielden W. Briscoe, John Bunch, Benjamin Cousen, Isom Clark, Luke B. Cogswell, David Colglazier, Peter Colglazier, Elijah Crotts, John Dalton, William Early, William England, Riley Fenning, Jacob Fleenor, Bart. Fletcher, Archibald Golden, John Grimes, Lewis Hampton, Jacob Hammersly, Michael Hardman, Samuel Hughes, Henry Hagan, George Hedrick, Gus Jones, James Karnes, George Lane, Michael Lee, John Leach, George Luck, George Launis, Asa Lovelace, Zhenian Little, James Lockhart, Malachi McCoy, James McCoy, George W. McClain, William Newcomb, Henry Naugle, George Naugle, Frank Perdue, Wiley Peugh, William R. Reeves, Jonathan Ross, Benjamin Rush, William Richardson, James Slayden, William Spaulding, Joseph Stotts, David Story, Wiley Spurgeon, Samuel Trueblood, D. Uppinghouse, John Watkins, Osborn Wilson, Ollie Wilson, Nathan Wilson, William Wilson, Abram Wachtel, James Webb, Wm. Wingler, Samuel Westfall.

There is a difference of opinion among these old veterans as to whether George Bogle was one of the company, but a majority say that he was and we insert his name so as to be sure all are in.

(Note: The piece of Poetry: Battle of Buena Vista, is omitted.)

PIONEER PICKINGS, THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, December 11, 1878, No CLXIX

Isaac Baker went to school in this county only at the school house we have described. For many years he was Commissioner of this county. Although he was not an educated man, his native good sense and excellent judgment made him a first class commissioner, and the Treasury never was gobbled by his vote or his consent. There were no schools in Jefferson Township at the time Henry Baker moved there. What is now Jefferson Township was at that time Brown and Monroe. Jefferson was made in 1853 Or 54. There was Sunday School taught on Rush Creek by Jacob Banta, in a little house owned by Joseph Young on the old Banta place.

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After Henry Baker moved down on the Rush Creek, a school house was built by the citizens of the neighborhood on land owned by Isaac McClasky. In the summer of 1823, Baker and his three eldest sons went to Louisville and engaged work. Their object was to raise enough money to enter some land. When the money was secured, they were all stricken with fever, and their money was all spent and no land entered. They had a lease on the Farris place, and put up a cabin, cleared land and put in seven acres of corn which proved a good crop.

We must tell a couple of incidents in the boyhood of Isaac Baker. When he was 15 years of age he made a full hand on the farm. His father had a rifle that he had brought from the old North State, that he cared greatly for. Isaac had a great liking for a gun, and thought he could shoot as well as the best of them. One morning before day he heard a turkey gobbling up on the point of a hill. He asked permission to take the gun to shoot him. His father objected.... but his mother interceded and he got permission. In those days turkey hunters prepared themselves with what was called a turkey bone, taken from the wing of a turkey, and with it they imitated the call of a turkey. ... Isaac gave a few calls with his bone, when the old gobbler answered and came toward him. The old gobbler kept marching on to his destruction, and when in about 12 or 15 feet of Isaac he paused and stood still. Isaac took deliberate aim at his breast and fired. As he fired the turkey fell ... he had hit him in the head.....

In early times the wild boar was considered the most dangerous of all the animals that roamed the forest when he became enraged. Henry and his son Isaac were hunting deer on or near the place of Jeremiah Caress in Brown Township. A man by the name of Hovington lived there then, and he and his son about 16 years of age and some three or four others were butchering wild hogs. In what was called rallying the hogs, that is getting them from cover, there was a large wild boar that became terribly enraged so that he fought everything in the shape of man or dogs in sight of him. He killed 3 dogs and wounded all the rest of them. While pursuing him he turned upon young Hovington and started for him. ... The others ran to the rescue when the boar turned on Hovington and the rest. Hovington shot at him and missed; then Henry Baker shot at him and missed. He was now making for Isaac, and when about 10 feet off Isaac fired and fortunately hit and killed him. All then went to the young man, but he was nearly dead, one of the thrusts with a tusk having severed the large artery in the thigh. There were several other holes in his body and he died in a few minutes.

We stated that we would speak of the unfortunate difficulty between Henry Baker and James Ellison. It was about 1846. On a Sunday morning Elkins came to Bakers house and wanted him to go to old Christian Prow's to get some liquor. They went there and drank during the day and stayed till night set in. Elkins was on horse back. Between 8 and 9 o'clock they started home. Elkins insisted that they go by William Elkins' to see his wife for something, but Baker refused. The horse Elkins rode was blind. He got off his horse at the end of a log and disputed

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some time about going by William Elkins' house. James Elkins declared that Baker should go with him, and Baker still refusing Elkins picked up a piece of fence rail and started at Baker, struck him and then caught him by the throat. Baker struck Elkins one blow in the side, when he sank down at the end of the log. Baker helped him up and went for water to revive him, but he was dead. Baker then went directly to Wm. P. Enoch's and told him what had happened and he and John Stanley went right over to where Elkins was. Henry went immediately to Isaac Baker's his son and told him, and they both returned to the place, but Elkins' spirit had departed. Both Enochs and Isaac Baker told the old man to make no statement to anyone else, which he implicitly obeyed. Enochs told us not long ago that the piece of fence rail was near Elkins' body and that Baker's throat and neck were scratched and bruised. Baker was indicted for murder, put upon trial and acquitted. He was defended by John Kingsbury and prosecuted by W. Payne of Corydon, one of the best lawyers of the day. The theory of the defense was that the blind horse had stumbled and thrown Elkins who was somewhat intoxicated and that his side had struck against the end of the log and been the cause of his death. Now for the first time have the facts in the case ever been told, after a third and more of a century have passed and the two men engaged in it have crossed to the other shore. We have it from Enochs and from Isaac Baker and give it just as old Henry Baker told it to them.

A few words in regard to Isaac Baker, the sole surviving one of 11 children who all grew to manhood and womanhood. He was ever a staunch Democrat, a true disciple of Jefferson and the fathers of the Constitution. In 1840 he was elected township trustee for school purposes. He was elected 3 times and then appointed to fill out another's term. He was appointed by John Nixon, the then county school Commissioner. In 1850 he was appointed land appraiser in Jefferson Township by the board of Co. Commissioners. In 1860 he was elected Co. Commissioner and served 10 years with honor and credit. On December 25, 1828, he was married to Margaret Williams. The fruits of this marriage were 11 children, all living to be grown men and women. Their names are: Azariah, Elisha D.; James A.; Thomas R.; Rebecca; Joseph C.; Benjamin A.; Mary A.; Margaret C.; Isaac B. and Jane A. Elisha D. died Jan. 15, 1873 and James A. on June 4, 1875. Margaret, the wife and mother, died September 8, 1862. Isaac Baker married a second wife whose name was Margaret Barnett. She was a daughter of John P. Williams. They were married October 26, 1865. There were no children by this union.
H.H.

PIONEER PICKINGS, The Salem Democrat, December 17, 1879

Some Old People

I have for some time been endeavoring to obtain the names and ages of persons over the age of seventy in this county. I am satisfied that there are persons yet whom I have not obtained. I will give first a list of all those who now reside in the county, who were voters in 1828, and who voted for Gen. Andrew Jackson for President, their age, and the year they came to the county. We

will first give those who still vote the Democrat ticket and never have voted anything else :

Peter Zink	85 , '09	Luke Barrett	84 , '23
Solomon Bierly	71 , '15	John Green	78 , '17
Henry Snyder	87 , '17	Joseph Wells	80 , --
Henry Plowman	80 , '19	M.Flynn	86 , '07
L.Herthel	73 , '34	John Wise	80 , '27
G.Vanmeter	79 , '17	John Grimes	73 , '19
A.Colglazier	83 , '12	Hiram Hosea	78 , --
Pleasant Mann	83 , '30	Abram Wells	79 , '27
Dan Dawalt	70 , '09	Samuel Nichols	79 , '30
John Spear	78 , '09	Wm. Curtis	74 , '17
L.J.Reyman	73 , '11	Wm. Dowlin	74 , '15
Adam Cauble	81 , '13	J.Lockenour	73 , '19
Elias Davis	79 , '18	A.Mundin	74 , '13
J.H.Calloway	73 , '10	Ben Moore	96 , '30
W.G.Warriner	76 , '22	Wm.Shultz	82 , '26
D.D.Hamilton	73 , '17	B.Childers	75 , '12
Chas.Cauble	75 , '13	David Patton	74 , '15
Z.King	76 , '33	J.L.Anderson	77 , '20
Robert Logan	77 , '11	Jacob Horner	80 , --
David Voyles	93 , '13	Abram Herring	81 , --
I. Overshiner	74 , '26	Joseph Walton	83 , '20
John Hardin	80 , '19	N.Underwood	73 , '06
Aaron Anderson	82 , '21	Isaiah Coulter	81 , '19
George Trabue	87 , '16	R.Sullivan	76 , '20
H.Rutherford	79 , '15	Evans Wright	78 , '12
John Cravens	83 , '27	Wm.Walker	76 , '16
Wm.Robertson	75 , '12	Wm.D.Clark	92 , '20
Samuel Hinds	76 , '18		

Two of the above have died since we procured their names :
John Cravens and Samuel Hinds.

We now give the names of those who voted for Gen.Jackson, but have since gone over to the Republicans or opposition to the Democracy, and are acting with the Republican Party. Some are of recent and some of remote times, comparatively speaking.

James G.May	74 , '24	John Sloan	torn
J.W.Reyman	78 , '11	James Wil---	
T.Cutshaw	76 , '20	Wm. Ba---	
Worrell Peugh	72 , '26	Zac -----	
Wm.Spurgin	73 , '13		
John Gilstrap			

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We now give the names and ages of those who voted for John Quincy Adams and who never have voted a Democratic ticket, and are today members of the Republican party. It will be observed that not one of those who voted for Adams ever got to be a Democrat..... Ephraim Harrold is the author of most of this paper.

Levi Knight	77 , '16	Aaron Martin	75 , '17
Joseph Hodgen	80 , '13	Thos. Tatlock	74 , '14

Jesse Stanley	86 , '14	Elijah Stanley	75 , '14
Sam Huston	76 , '15	J.Winslow	73 , '15
M. Huston	78 , '15	Rolla Martin	77 , '18
W.P.Trueblood	30 , '14	S.Redfield	73 , '26
Jas. Trueblood	85 , '14	Ben Stephenson	93 , '17
John Harned	83 , '12	Chas,D.Green	78 , '18 or 13
Thos.Green	81 , '13	John Huston	79 , '20
Eli Stalker	79 , '17	E.W. Martin	77 , '13
Hiram Kyte	76 , '19	Stephen Martin	74 , '13
A.Johnson	77 , '12	John Kedlin	73 , '16
Thos.Williams	74 , '12	N.Hamilton	90 , '30
John Cane	72 , '18	Henry Johason	74 , '24
Wm. Mitchell	79 , '14	Ed Turner	77 , '19
Robt.Mitchell	76 , '14	Wm.T.Holmes	73 , '14

These dates may not be strictly correct, and we will correct any that our attention is called to.

H.H.

A Pioneer Gone

The Salem Democrat, Salem, Indiana, June 11, 1879

One by one they pass beyond the silent river. This week we chronicle the death of Col. John L. Menaugh, aged 72 years, 29 days, who breathed his last at the home of his son, E.W. Menaugh, last Thursday morning.

John L. Menaugh was the eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Menaugh. Thomas Menaugh was a native of Ireland, and emigrated with his father to West Virginia when he was a mere lad, and from Charleston, West Virginia, he emigrated to Taylorsville, Kentucky, where in Feb., 1806, he married Elizabeth Lemon. On May 6, 1807, John L. was born. In 1809, Thomas Menaugh and John Hensley left Kentucky for Indiana Territory. They, with their families crossed the Ohio River at Utica. They finally settled at Royse's Lick then the salt works, not quite 2 miles east of Salem, in 1809. They found in that vicinity, Godlove Kemp, Lewis Woody, Andrew Pitts, Jesse Spurgin and others. We only know of Mrs. Elias Davis and James L. Thompson now living who were here at that time. We only last fall gave a history of the life of Col. Menaugh, and this notice must necessarily be short.

In 1811 John L. Menaugh, then 5 years of age, and Thomas Hensley of the same age, were stolen and carried into captivity by a band of Delaware Indians under the chief "Old Ox", who had his headquarters on Elk Creek in Gibson Township. They were carried to the Indian towns about Lafayette, where Thomas got burned and crippled, when the savages brained him with a tomahawk. John L. finally was ransomed at Vincennes and restored to his parents after several months captivity..... A hatter by trade, he followed it for years.....

His first office was under Gen. Andrew Jackson, he being a deputy U.S. Marshall to take the Census in 1830. He held the same place in 1860 under Pres. Buchanan. He was deputy sheriff under John McMahan in 1842. In 1844 he was elected sheriff & re-elected in

1846. In 1849 he was elected Representative in the Legislature. In 1850 he was elected Treasurer and re-elected in 1852. In 1861 he was appointed to fill the vacancy in the same office caused by the death of Z.S. Garriott. He was elected to the same office in 1862 and 1864. In 1867 Andrew Johnson appointed him post master which he held until moved by Grant's administration.....

John L. Menaugh was first married to Louisa Arbuckle, Sept. 6, 1827. She deceased, and on Jan. 1, 1841 he married Lorena Naugle. The surviving children by these marriages are Thomas J., Volney B., C.O., and Eli W. Menaugh. His second wife died, and in 1847 he married Eliza Watts. She deceased, and on March 21, 1856 he married Mary J. Curry. After her decease he married Mrs. Amanda C. Ruckle, Dec. 21, 1871, and who survives him. By these last three marriages there have been no children.

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H.H.

HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES Early Settlements and Incidents in
Washington County. Sketches of Pioneers, &
By Col Horace Heffren

..... Perhaps the earliest settlement in this county was made in 1803 in Madison or Posey Township, on the farms now owned by Gen. James A. Cravens and W.A. Ellis, about one mile north of Hardinsburg. Thomas Hopper from North Carolina, squatted there in 1803. He followed the Indian trail from the Falls of the Ohio. The next white man was Jesse Spurgeon who came in 1804 and lived with the Indians around Canton. He wrote back glowing accounts to his relatives in N. Carolina, urging them to come to the far north-west. As there were no mails, all had to wait for the opportunity to send by hand.

The next settler was George Beck & family, father of the present George Beck, who came from N. Carolina in 1807. Beck finally settled with his family at what is known as Beck's Mills in Howard Township in 1808, where he lived up to the time of his death. George Beck, Jr. still lives on the old homestead. He was a scout in the War of 1812-15 and was one of the patrols along White R., for which service he received a land warrant for 160 acres, but he never received a pension, because there was no record evidence that he had served 60 days. David Voyles came in 1810 and resided about 2 miles from Organ Spring where he first settled. Beck had occupied the same location in the winter of 1807-8. Zachariah Hopper and Jefferson Hopper came and joined Thomas Hopper in 1808 but they did not like the Indians and returned to the Old North State. Samuel Catlin came with his father from Kentucky in 1808 in November and settled on the east fork of Blue River, about 4 miles from Fredericksburg. Catlin served in the War of 1812-15 for which he received a land warrant and now draws a pension. He claims to have been in this county before the Becks, but as we were not here at the time, we cannot decide. All that country about Beck's was a prairie, and is now known as "the barrens", although since that time timber of considerable size has grown up. At Becks there is a very fine spring coming out of a cave,

and during the dryest of seasons it never fails to furnish sufficient water to run the mills, a part of a day at least. At Organ Springs is also a mill formerly run by water from the river and a spring. At Clifty in Brown Township is another equally remarkable spring of water which is utilized for grinding and distilling.

The next settlers about Hardinsburg were Jacob Doan, Jacob Colglazier, Abram Colglazier, Daniel Rutherford, Aaron Hardin, John Onstot, Paul Kester, Alexander Ralston and Anthony Denner, but the respective dates of their arrival in the county we have not been able to obtain; but they all came from 1810 to 1815. To this list we will add John Hardin, George Trabue, Archibald Doan and Hyatt Rutherford, they all having come before 1815. Alexander Ralston first lived above the big spring on the farm now owned by Gen. Cravens. He had a store where he lived and just across the creek a still house. When he built the still house and the mill we cannot tell, but in 1815 the mill was worn out and abandoned. Aaron Hardin and David Rutherford hauled whisky to Louisville and of course camped out. One night they drove their wagon astride one end of a log, and making a fire at the other end, lay down and went to sleep. The log burned up under the wagon, set it on fire, and burned up all. Near Fredericksburg Thomas Polson is said to have settled in 1805. Charles Baily and Elijah Harryman settled where Fredericksburg now is in 1808. John Butler settled just above Catlin's in 1808, and Benjamin King came in 1809. The settlers built a fort at Catlin's in 1812. John McPheeters built a mill on Blue River in 1813 and John Rice built one below Fredericksburg in 1816. The first store kept in Fredericksburg was by Catlin & Geiger. What was then Fredericksburg was half a mile north of where it now is. The present site was laid out by Wm. Lowe in 1815. Hardinsburg was laid out by Aaron Hardin in 1838

In 1809 Andrew Pitts and family settled where William Penn Trueblood now lives, just north of where the Friends meeting house and Blue River Academy now stands. The sons of Andrew were Thomas, William, Samuel, John, Levi, and Abner. Of the daughters we know of but three: one the wife of Beebee Booth and mother of the U.S. Senator Newton Booth of California; one the wife of Elias Davis of this county; and one the wife of Mr. Miller formerly of Madison. Carey Thompson came in 1809 and settled in what is now Franklin Township. John Thompson came in the same year and settled east of Canton about 2 miles, on the Salem & Madison Road where he lived and died at the age of 94. William McKnight also came the same year and settled just beyond the Thompsons on the same road. The father of John C. Thompson of Gibson Tp., came in 1809 and brought his family in 1810. James L. Thompson came in 1810. Eli Stalker came in 1810 and also Godlove Kamp who afterwards was Associate Judge. In the region of Beck's Mill the nearest neighbors were Richard Gilstrap, Amos Wright, Wm. Davis and Jacob Cauble. These different settlements were begun in the fall of 1809 and the spring and summer of 1810. Amos Wright was the first preacher. George Beck came from Rowan Co., N.C., and walked all the

way behind a wagon drawn by horses , part of whose harness was shuck collars and grapevine traces. In those days school houses were few, and the first in the county was probably between John McPheeters and Wm.Rice's ,near Fredericksburg. It was built in 1810 by John Scott for a cabin ,but he abandoned it and it was used for a school house. One Nicholas Gaster was the first teacher. The next one was built on the place now occupied by George Barnett,northeast of Salem, and the first teacher's name was William Barrens.

In 1811 there were several emigrants from North Carolina and Kentucky. Wm.Lindley, John W.Reyman,then a mere boy, Lewis J. Reyman,Betsey Reyman(now Betsey McMahan,widow of John McMahan) with their father,Joseph Reyman and wife. Wm.Lindley was also a boy. His father was named Samuel,& settled northeast of Salem where young William ,now aged 80, still resides. John W.Reyman lived on the old home place until a few years ago, when he moved to Salem.

In 1809 Wm.Gordon settled about a mile and a half north of Salem; but there was no Salem then. About 2 miles east of Salem was what was called Rice's Lick,where sal t was made, and about a mile further east was Evans Lick . What date these men came here and made salt ,we are not certain, but we think it was about 1808. In 1809 one Wm.Netherton and a Dr.Lamb(Simeon we believe) lived there.

Micajah Callaway,a Kentuckian,came in 1810 and settled northeast of Salem. He was a remarkable man. He was the bosom companion of Daniel Boone He was a soldier of the Revolution, and lived to be 94 years of age. In 1812 Cadwallader Jones ,Josiah Spurgin and William Spurgin came and settled near where Harristown now is.

In what is now Monroe Tp.,the Hattabaughs, the Ellicksons, the Westerns and Logans had settled in 1809-10. Richard Newkirk lived further west and settled in the fall of 1809. The Rices, Andrew House, Thomas Denny, and perhaps some others , settled on Walnut Ridge in 1810-11. Col.Henry Dawalt was an early settler,probably settling in 1806 up the creek east of Salem. John L.Menaugh came about 1811. Nicholas Harrison,the brother of Robert,the old printer,settled near Canton in 1811. Godlove Kamp, Peter Zink, and John Zink about 1811..... Going from Canton east,on the Madison Road, was Arthur Parr who settled in 1808. The next farm was Thos.Thompson,now in possession of John F.Rodman. Then came John McKnight and Wm.McKnight. Then John Robeson,being now known as the Rudy farm. Then in what is now New Philadelphia, a blacksmith by the name of John McClusky,and he was the first artisan in iron in all that country. All settled from 1809 to 1811. After passing Spurgin at Harristown, we find Tobias Mull at what is now Boston. Then east of it, at what is called the Gross farm, was Moses McClellan; then next at what is known as the old Sturdevant farm, was James Fringle, and where Dr.J.E.Layman is, was Joseph Gray. The two latter settled in 1815 and the others some 2 or 3 years earlier. Henry Plowman came in 1815; George Gardner in 1818 and Wm. Baker in 1820.

This county was full of forts..... There was one at Butler's near Fredericksburg; one at Beck's Mill ; one at Fort Hill, 3 miles south-west of Salem; Brewer's fort at Salem; one on the Bonner place; one on Wiley Jones' land called the Fleenor fort; one near Col.H.Dawalts ; one near Harristown; the Lindley fort near the Quaker church; the Logan fort at Kossuth; the Hattabaugh fort at Plattsburg and one near Vailonia. The Indians who had been friendly until the fall and winter of 1811-12, became morose and sullen. In that winter a large body of savages wintered across White River at Sparks' Ferry. On Good Friday morning, 1812, on the farm of Robert Ellison in what is now Monroe Tp., he had a hired man by the name of Daniel Soliday. Ellison & Soliday went out to hunt a mare and young colt which they found and Ellison sent Soliday back for some milk for the colt. On his way back from the house when passing between two beech trees, he was set upon by the red devils and stabbed to death, and then scalped. About the same hour at Richard Newkirk's where John Bennet now lives, in what is now Jefferson Tp., Jacob Soliday was killed. They went out to hunt stock when they also were ambushed and fired upon. Newkirk was badly wounded, but managed to escape. Soliday was a large and powerful man, and from the appearance of the ground afterwards, fought desperately, but was finally killed and scalped twice. The news of these massacres flew thick and fast, and the settlers rallied under Col.Ezekiel D.Logan and pursued the Indians to a place far to the northwest of a creek called Bean Blossom, when further pursuing being useless, they returned.

..... (Other Indian stories, including Pigeon Roost massacre, are told - not copied by this typist.) Col.Henry Dawalt called his men and started in pursuit, but lost trail of the red fiends, and when they reached near where Columbus now is, turned homeward. When at a place to the northeast of Brownstown , on a ridge, they met a squad of Indians who fired upon them from an ambush, when John Zink was shot through the bowels and mortally wounded. He was brought home and buried on a farm north of Salem, now owned by Jephtha Morris.

Thus was the country by these and other raids kept in a state of turmoil until after the battle of New Orleans, although peace had been declared before. In 1814 several treaties were made with the Indians. The country now settled up fast. In the northwest were Robertson, Mather, Gooldsbey, Shoulitz, Nicholsons, Bakers , Reid, Marks, Williams, Craycraft, Knight, Frows, Driskells and many others. In the north and northeast, the Stills, Thompsons, Garriotts, Johnsons, Fleeners, Hamiltons, Milroys, Pyles, Winslows, Robertsons and others. In the east and southeast were Melvins, Weirs, Bundys, Brazeltons, Hinsleys, Owens, Spurgins, Morris, Williams, and others. In the west were McSheeters, Willis, Hardins, Colglaziers, Stewarts, Hungates, Martins, Grace &..... A State government was formed and Indiana was admitted to the Union in 1816. Gov.Jonathan Jennings was elected first governor, and Christopher Harrison the first Lieutenant Governor. He was a resident of Salem at the time he was elected. He resided on lot 11 , east side of the public square.

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The first water mill in the county was at Beck's in 1808. The next at or near Evans Wright's on Blue River. Then one at Sinking Creek, then John McPheeters on Blue River, then John Rice below Fredricksburg on Blue River. Then by Samuel Milroy north of Canton on Blue River; then by Zachariah Nilon on Brock's fork just on the north side of Salem. These may not be in correct order, but as near as we can get them at present. There was a mill built by George Goldsby in Brown Township very early. One was built below Salem about 1812. Of horse mills they were scattered all about. One where John Trueblood lives about 1814. Joseph Gray built one where Dr. Layman now lives in Franklin Township in 1821. A few years after John Robison built one just this side of New Philadelphia. There were two or three tread mills in Salem, of which more hereafter. The first church in Franklin Township was built in 1820 on the land of Samuel Milroy by the Presbyterians, and their pastor was John Wiley. It was called Franklin Church and was used by all denominations, when not wanted by the Presbyterians. Richard Lockwood did the first tanning at a tannery in Franklin Township, in 1832 at New Philadelphia. The first school house in this township was built near the same place on John Robison's land in 1820 and the first teacher was John Hanna. The oldest man in the township is Wm. Baker, aged 85. A Revolutionary soldier by the name of James Garrison lived here to be over 95 yrs. of age. In Pierce was another Revolutionary soldier by the name of Bachman who died there. The first Baptist Church in the county was near Harristown, erected in 1811; the next probably in Posey Township, a Methodist at King's Camp-ground; and the next at Radcliff's Big Spring, a Baptist. Radcliff had a still house just under the hill, and run it week days and preached on Sunday.

The first Court ever held in what is now Washington and Jackson Counties was held just outside the corporate limits of Salem, in a little brick house that stood on what is known as the Robert Dennis farm, just across the creek from the depot. It was a special session and was opened April 11, 1814. The judges were Wm. Lindley (uncle of the present Wm. Lindley), Moses Hoggatt and Simeon Lamb. Their first act was to order CanDeFauw, John by name, who had been appointed by the Territorial Legislature as Agent to lay out the seat of justice, to advertise the sale of lots in the town of Salem, and to be published in the Western Eagle and the Western Courier. We presume the records are at Corydon; they are not on file here.

The first Grand Jury was returned the same day, names as follows: George Beck, Foreman (he the father of the present George Beck), Christopher Morris, Anos Thornburg, Edmund Mensly, Godlove Kamp, Andrew House, Jesse Spurgin, David Denny, Samuel Lindley, Alexander Little, Joseph Latta, David Colglazier, James Zaring, William Kennedy, John McPheeters, Jesse Darham and Anos Wright. The Grand Jury returned two bills. The first that of the U.S. vs Susan Bern for forgery; the second against John Ramsey for assault and battery. On the same day John F. Ross was appointed Prosecutor. He was afterwards Judge of the Circuit Court. The first suit tried was that of John McCampbell vs Henry Swalt. The action was for trover, and was tried by the following persons as a jury: Jesse Roberts, Andrew Pitts, Lucius Fordyce, John W. Coffey, Levi Thompson, Eunice Durath, Thomas Bensly, John Fleenor, John Couen, William Pitts, Thomas Evans, and Benoni Armstrong. They found the defendant guilty; judgment for \$48.80.

On the same day the Judges divided the county into Townships and named them Madison, Lost River, Blue River, Washington and Driftwood. On the same day William Hendricks, afterwards Governor of the State, and Alexander G. Buckner and Benjamin Ferguson were sworn in as Attorneys.

The first administrators were John Garriott and Richardson Hensley upon the estate of Edmond Hensley; and Samuel Huston and Jacob Garriott were appraisers. The first divorce suit was that of John Fleenor vs Elizabeth Fleenor, and as Elizabeth was shown to be a non-resident of the Territory, she was to be advertised to appear. The trial was had and a divorce granted Nov. 24, 1814. On the 21st of November, 1814, Jesse L. Holman having been appointed Circuit Judge by the Legislature, opened the Circuit Court. Bazil Prather was appointed Clerk by the Legislature, Sept. 15, 1814, and entered upon his duties. Some of the settlers who resided here then say that Bazil Prather was the Clerk at first. Some of the earliest settlers say that John Rowland was the first sheriff; some say Sam'l Lindley, and some William Hoggatt, but whoever it was, no record of the fact is left behind. Noah Wright was the first elected Sheriff under the Constitution, and he was succeeded by Levi Wright; and he by Alexander Attkisson; he by Stephen Hole; he by John McMahan; he by John L. Menough; he by Joshua Burwell; he by Garret W. Logan; he by D. C. Shanks; he by David D. Hamilton; he by Benjamin F. Nicholson; he by George Fultz; he by Thomas J. Meadors; he by the present incumbent, Elkana Craycraft.

(Note: This article goes on to include the other county, State officers, items on early schools and churches; the towns of Washington County, the Lodges, mills of Salem and vicinity, the coming of the railroad, the Cholera scourge, Morgan's Raid and other historical items- not copied by this typist. The newspapers from which these articles are copied are in the WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, in the basement of the Court House at Salem, Indiana.).

The articles are, most of them, signed H.H., who was Col. Horace Heffren of Salem, Indiana

THE SALEM DEMOCRAT, Wed. July 15, 1885

LITTLE YORK (Items)

4th of July Celebration Then the following old people were brought to the stand and gave their births as follows : Eve Gross (mother of Dad Gross) born in Penn., March 21, 1796- came to this State in 1826. John H. Baily, born in Va. in 1803; came to this State in 1827. Wesley Crum, born in Ky. in 1804; came to this State in 1805. Hannah Dowling, born in Ky. in 1805; came to this state in 1817. Abe Rayhill, born in Va., in 1807; came to this state in 1815. Thomas Morgan, born in Va., in 1805; came to this State in 1815 ; Mrs. Morgan, born in Penn. in 1809, was married to Thomas in 1827 & has lived with him 58 years . Levi Anderson, born in Ky. in 1805; came to this State in 1828. Peter Irons, born in N.C., in 1807, came to the State in 1814. John Ridlin, born in Ohio in 1806, came to the State in 1816. William Nichols, born in Ky., in 1809; came to the State in 1849. Adam Wilsey, born in New York in 1809; came to this State in 1831. Margaret Wilsey, born in S.C. in 1810; married to Adam in 1832. Hugh Fleckner, born in Va. in 1812; came to the State in 1835. Joel B. Chandelers, born in Va. 1814; ; came to the State in 1867. John McKnight born in Washington County, Ind., in 1814. A. Pringle, born in Ky., 1808; came to the State in 1815. Allen Thompson, born in Indiana in 1815; married in 1843 and lived with the same woman ever since, and behaved like a man. John Fleckner, born in Va., 1816; came to the State in 1837. Aristides Gross, born in Va. 1819 ; came to the State in 1826. Albert Nelson, born in East Tennessee 1809 ; came to the State in 1813. Thomas Morgan and wife being married the longest (58 yrs.) got the premium for the oldest married people - a \$5 gold piece. Mrs. Eva Gross being the oldest lady (89 yrs), got the premium for the oldest lady, \$2.50 in gold. John H. Baily, being the oldest man, got two dollars and a half in gold; Frank Richey being the heaviest man got \$1.00. Hiram Hamelman, being the lightest man over 40 years (101 lbs.) got one dollar.

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